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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING PROVIDING FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO
102	SUPPORT ACCESS TO STATE-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL
103	AREAS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill creates the state park and wildlife area access grant program (program), which reimburses local governments for access route maintenance, construction, service, and operational work resulting from people visiting state parks and wildlife areas. The program is administered by the division of parks and wildlife (division) and the parks

and wildlife commission (commission). In connection with the program, the bill:

- Using overflow money from the keep Colorado wild pass, helps finance local governments' maintenance and operation of access routes. A local government must use the grant money to support direct access to state parks and wildlife areas. Supporting direct access may include maintaining and constructing local roads, bicycle lanes, or other recreational access routes or providing or facilitating shuttle operations.
- Requires the commission to promulgate rules, in collaboration with and after consultation with affected local governments, to establish the process for local governments to apply for grants, the criteria for awarding grants, and the criteria for determining the amount of grant money to be awarded;
- Creates a grant review committee (committee) to make recommendations to the division; and
- Authorizes a local government to request that the state park or wildlife area charge an additional per vehicle fee, not to exceed \$2, to visit. Upon the request, the commission may establish the fee, which will be transferred to the local government to maintain and operate access routes. The fee will be adjusted every 5 years for inflation or deflation.

The grant review committee consists of the following 5 members:

- 3 representatives of local governments from different geographic areas of Colorado, one of whom must be a county commissioner;
- One representative of the commission; and
- One representative of the division.

The members of the committee serve without additional compensation from the state. The committee will review grant applications and make recommendations to the division. The committee is repealed on September 1, 2032, but before the repeal, the department of regulatory agencies will review the committee in accordance with the sunset process.

On or before November 1, 2025, and on or before November 1 of each subsequent year, the division will report about the implementation of the bill to a joint session of the house of representatives agriculture, water, and natural resources committee and the senate agriculture and natural resources committee. The report must include a list of local governments and access projects that received grants and the amount of grant money that each local government and access project received.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

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1	SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly
2	finds and declares that:
3	(a) Colorado's great outdoors and wildlife are among the state's
4	most treasured resources, enhancing Coloradans' quality of life, bringing
5	prosperity to the state and its residents, and representing the fabric of the
6	state;
7	(b) Rapid increase in demand for outdoor recreation is challenging
8	local governments' ability to maintain access;
9	(c) Despite tremendous growth in outdoor recreation, existing
10	funding to support the variety of ways Colorado families access our state
11	parks and wildlife areas is insufficient;
12	(d) This leads to increased barriers for families and can deter
13	visitors from accessing state parks and wildlife areas;
14	(e) Local governments share the access goals of the state and rely
15	on a financial partnership to help meet the demand and ensure Colorado's
16	outdoors are accessible to all;
17	(f) A grant program supporting local access multimodal solutions
18	using some of the proceeds from the keep Colorado wild pass honors the
19	shared financial partnerships between the state and local governments;
20	(g) The keep Colorado wild pass pricing study indicates that the
21	\$29 price point for the new pass will result in 770,000 to 1.9 million keep
22	Colorado wild passes sold in the first year, and these sales equate to
23	between \$22 million and \$55 million in funding to support Colorado's
24	outdoor areas;
25	(h) The study also estimates that visitation will increase between
26	6 million and 11 million visits per year, or between 31% and 57% from
27	fiscal year 2020-21 visitation counts;

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1	(i) The study concludes that "high visitation (particularly in
2	certain parks) is salient both in the minds of park managers and at least
3	some Colorado residents. Strategies for managing visitation should be
4	considered in conjunction with pass planning"; and
5	(j) Establishing a grant program, along with the ability to
6	implement a new fee on daily vehicle passes, provides local governments
7	with the tools to manage the access demands that continue to increase
8	with the growing enjoyment of Colorado's outdoor spaces.
9	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 33-10-117 and
10	33-10-118 as follows:
11	33-10-117. State park and wildlife area access grant program
12	- fund - definitions - rules - repeal. (1) The State Park and Wildlife
13	AREA ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM IS CREATED TO REIMBURSE LOCAL
14	GOVERNMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION, SERVICE, AND
15	OPERATIONAL WORK RESULTING FROM PEOPLE VISITING STATE PARKS AND
16	WILDLIFE AREAS. THE PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION AND
17	THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.
18	(2) (a) The state park and wildlife area access grant fund
19	IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY
20	CREDITED TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND SECTION
21	33-12-108 (4)(e)(III)(A) AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL
22	ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.
23	(b) The state treasurer shall credit all interest and
24	INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
25	FUND TO THE FUND.
26	(c) (I) THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL
27	APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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1	(II) THE DIVISION SHALL USE THE MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE
2	GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE FUND TO AWARD GRANTS TO LOCAL
3	GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION
4	AND THE RULES PROMULGATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (3) OF
5	THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT, UNTIL THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH
6	MONEY IS TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
7	33-12-108 (4)(e)(III)(A), THE DIVISION SHALL NOT AWARD GRANTS.
8	(III) THE DIVISION MAY ALSO USE MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE
9	GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE FUND TO PAY THE COST OF ADMINISTERING
10	THIS SECTION.
11	(3) (a) BY DECEMBER 31, 2023, THE COMMISSION SHALL
12	PROMULGATE RULES, IN COLLABORATION WITH AND AFTER CONSULTATION
13	WITH AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS FOR
14	LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS, THE CRITERIA FOR
15	AWARDING GRANTS FROM THE MONEY IN THE FUND AND FOR DETERMINING
16	THE AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY TO BE AWARDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
17	THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING RECREATIONAL ACCESS
18	ROUTES, AND THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
19	GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-10-118 (4). THE
20	RULES MUST INCLUDE:
21	(I) A REQUIREMENT THAT, IN AWARDING GRANTS, CONSIDERATION
22	BE GIVEN TO THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO A STATE PARK OR WILDLIFE
23	AREA THAT REQUIRES USE OF A RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROUTE LOCATED
24	WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF OR REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED OR
25	CONSTRUCTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WHETHER THE LOCAL
26	GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED THE ADDITIONAL FEE
27	AUTHORIZED BY AND COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (4) AND (5) OF THIS

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1	SECTION, RESPECTIVELY;
2	(II) THE ABILITY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTEE TO USE
3	GRANT MONEY AS A MATCH TO MONEY AVAILABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAND
4	ACCESS PROGRAMS;
5	(III) GUIDANCE ON DETERMINING WHICH RECREATIONAL ACCESS
6	ROUTES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS; AND
7	(IV) A PROCESS FOR AWARDING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM
8	GRANTS FOR PROJECTS OF DIFFERENT DURATIONS.
9	(b) (I) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEEKING A GRANT MUST APPLY TO
10	THE DIVISION IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION BY RULE. TO
11	BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE RESPONSIBLE
12	FOR MAINTAINING OR CONSTRUCTING A RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROUTE.
13	(II) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL USE ANY GRANT RECEIVED
14	UNDER THIS SECTION TO SUPPORT DIRECT ACCESS TO STATE PARKS AND
15	WILDLIFE AREAS. SUPPORTING DIRECT ACCESS MAY INCLUDE MAINTAINING
16	AND CONSTRUCTING LOCAL ROADS, BICYCLE LANES, OR OTHER
17	RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROUTES OR PROVIDING OR FACILITATING SHUTTLE
18	OPERATIONS OR OTHER TYPES OF ACCESS THAT SERVE TO TRANSPORT
19	INDIVIDUALS TO AN ENTRY POINT OF A STATE PARK OR WILDLIFE AREA.
20	(c) (I) When awarding grants, the division shall follow
21	THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE UNLESS THE
22	DIVISION MAKES A FINDING THAT A RECOMMENDATION IS BASED ON A
23	FACTUAL ERROR, HAS A LEGAL DEFICIENCY, OR WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL
24	TO THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE 33.
25	(II) This subsection (3)(c) is repealed, effective September
26	1, 2032.
27	(4) (a) Upon request of one or more local governments

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1	THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROUTES TO A STATE
2	PARK THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE
3	LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH, BY RULE, AN
4	ADDITIONAL FEE, CHARGED ON A DAILY VEHICLE PASS, TO USE THE STATE
5	PARK. THE DIVISION SHALL NOT COLLECT THE FEE FROM A STATE PARK
6	VISITOR WHO HOLDS AN ANNUAL OR LIFETIME PASS TO VISIT STATE PARKS.
7	THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT UNREASONABLY WITHHOLD APPROVAL OF A
8	REQUEST TO CREATE THE FEE.
9	(b) THE RULES PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION MUST SET THE
10	FEE SO THAT THE FEE:
11	(I) DOES NOT EXCEED TWO DOLLARS, BUT THE COMMISSION SHALL
12	ADJUST THE FEE EVERY FIVE YEARS TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION OR
13	DEFLATION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION $(4)(c)$ OF THIS SECTION, AND THE
14	ADJUSTMENT MAY ALLOW THE FEE TO EXCEED TWO DOLLARS; AND
15	(II) IS ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR.
16	(c) IN CALCULATING INFLATION OR DEFLATION, THE COMMISSION
17	SHALL USE THE STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT
18	OF TRANSPORTATION AS THE CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX.
19	(5) (a) Beginning January 1, 2024, the division shall
20	COLLECT ANY FEE ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION
21	FROM EACH PERSON USING A DAILY VEHICLE PASS THAT VISITS A STATE
22	PARK FOR WHICH AN ADDITIONAL FEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND SHALL
23	TRANSFER THE FEE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT REQUESTED THE FEE
24	AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROUTE. IF A STATE
25	PARK HAS MULTIPLE RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROUTES THAT ARE
26	MAINTAINED BY MULTIPLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ALL OF WHICH
27	REQUESTED THE ADDITIONAL FEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION $(4)(a)$ OF THIS

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1	SECTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHALL DETERMINE BY AGREEMENT
2	HOW THE FEE REVENUE IS TO BE APPORTIONED, AND THE DIVISION SHALL
3	NOT DISTRIBUTE THE FEE REVENUE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UNTIL
4	THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE PROVIDED THE DIVISION WITH THE
5	AGREEMENT.
6	(b) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL USE ANY FEE RECEIVED UNDER
7	THIS SUBSECTION (5) TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO STATE PARKS AND WILDLIFE
8	AREAS. SUPPORTING ACCESS MAY INCLUDE MAINTAINING AND
9	CONSTRUCTING LOCAL ROADS, BICYCLE LANES, SHUTTLE OPERATIONS,
10	AND MULTIMODAL ACCESS ROUTES.
11	(6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
12	REQUIRES:
13	(a) "DAILY VEHICLE PASS" MEANS ANY FEE PAID BY A VISITOR TO
14	A STATE PARK ASSESSED ON A DAILY BASIS AND BASED ON A MOTOR
15	VEHICLE ENTERING THE STATE PARK.
16	(b) "Fee" means the fee established under subsection (4) of
17	THIS SECTION.
18	(c) "FUND" MEANS THE STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE AREA ACCESS
19	GRANT FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.
20	(d) "GRANT" MEANS A GRANT FROM THE FUND AWARDED UNDER
21	SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.
22	(e) "Grant review committee" means the local government
23	ACCESS GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 33-10-118.
24	(f) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A CITY, COUNTY, CITY AND
25	COUNTY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT OF THIS STATE.
26	(g) "RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROUTE" MEANS A RIGHT-OF-WAY,
27	INCLUDING A BIKE OR PEDESTRIAN PATH, THAT IS NORMALLY USED TO

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1	TRAVEL TO OR FROM A STATE PARK OR WILDLIFE AREA.
2	33-10-118. Local government access grant review committee
3	- membership - repeal. (1) There is created in the division the
4	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCESS GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE, REFERRED TO
5	IN THIS SECTION AS THE "COMMITTEE".
6	(2) (a) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED AS
7	FOLLOWS:
8	(I) AFTER CONSULTING WITH A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF
9	COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS, THE DIRECTOR SHALL
10	APPOINT THREE REPRESENTATIVES, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE A COUNTY
11	COMMISSIONER, OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC
12	AREAS OF COLORADO;
13	(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF
14	THE COMMISSION; AND
15	(III) THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
16	DIVISION.
17	(b) THE DIRECTOR AND THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE THE INITIAL
18	Appointments to the committee no later than October $1,2023$.
19	(c) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE
20	OF THE AGENCY THAT OR OFFICIAL WHO APPOINTED THE MEMBER. THE
21	TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOUR YEARS FOR THE MEMBERS APPOINTED
22	Under subsection (2)(a)(I) of this section; except that the term of
23	ONE MEMBER INITIALLY APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION $(2)(a)(I)$ OF THIS
24	SECTION IS TWO YEARS, AND THE TERM OF ANOTHER MEMBER INITIALLY
25	$\label{eq:appointed} \text{appointed under subsection (2)(a)(I) of this section is three years.}$
26	THE MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION
27	MAY SERVE NO MORE THAN EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THE DIRECTOR

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1	SHALL DETERMINE WHICH MEMBER HAS AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS
2	AND WHICH MEMBER HAS AN INITIAL TERM OF THREE YEARS. THE
3	MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (2)(a)(II) AND (2)(a)(III) OF
4	THIS SECTION DO NOT HAVE TERMS, SERVING AT THE PLEASURE OF THE
5	COMMISSION AND THE DIRECTOR, RESPECTIVELY.
6	(d) The members appointed under subsection (2)(a)(I) of this
7	SECTION SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION FROM THE STATE AND WITHOUT
8	REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES FROM THE STATE. THE MEMBERS
9	APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE
10	EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, BUT SERVE WITHOUT
11	ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM THE STATE AND WITHOUT
12	REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES FROM THE STATE.
13	(3) (a) The director shall organize and call the first
14	MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2023.
15	(b) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS
16	MEMBERS.
17	(c) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ITS
18	DUTIES.
19	(4) The committee shall review grant applications
20	SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 33-10-117 AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
21	SECTION, SECTION 33-10-117, AND THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION:
22	(a) RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF OR DENIAL OF GRANTS;
23	(b) RECOMMEND THE AMOUNT TO BE AWARDED FOR AN APPROVED
24	GRANT; AND
25	(c) GIVE THE DIVISION AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLYING
26	FOR THE GRANT A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS,
27	INCLUDING THE REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OR DENIAL

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1	OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND, IF RECOMMENDING APPROVAL, THE
2	AMOUNT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS BE AWARDED TO THE LOCAL
3	GOVERNMENT.
4	(5) Upon request by the committee, the director shall
5	PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, AND STAFF SERVICES AS MAY BE
6	NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY
7	THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE DIRECTOR MAY BE REIMBURSED BY THE
8	fund created in section $33-10-117$ for the provision of any office
9	SPACE, EQUIPMENT, OR STAFF SERVICES.
10	(6) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2032.
11	BEFORE ITS REPEAL, THIS SECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
12	ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-3-1203.
13	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, add
14	(23.5)(a)(II) as follows:
15	2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative
16	declaration - definition - repeal. (23.5) (a) The following statutory
17	authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on
18	September 1, 2032:
19	(II) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCESS GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE,
20	CREATED IN SECTION 33-10-118.
21	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-108, repeal
22	(4)(e)(II); and add $(4)(e)(III)$ as follows:
23	33-12-108. Keep Colorado wild pass - assess with vehicle
24	registration - option to decline to pay - rules - short title - legislative
25	declaration - definitions. (4) (e) The state treasurer shall credit the pass
26	fees that the executive director of the department of revenue transmits
27	pursuant to subsection (4)(d) of this section in each state fiscal year as

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1	follows:
2	(II) After making the allocations under subsection (4)(e)(I) of this
3	section, the state treasurer shall credit one-half of any remaining money
4	to the wildlife cash fund and one-half of any remaining money to the
5	parks and outdoor recreation cash fund in furtherance of the goals set
6	forth in subsections (2)(a)(IV)(E) to (2)(a)(IV)(J) of this section.
7	(III) ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
8	(4)(e)(III), after making the allocations under subsection $(4)(e)(I)$
9	OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT:
10	(A) ONE-HALF OF ANY REMAINING MONEY TO THE STATE PARK
11	AND WILDLIFE AREA ACCESS GRANT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 33-10-117
12	(2); AND
13	(B) ONE-QUARTER OF ANY REMAINING MONEY TO THE WILDLIFE
14	CASH FUND AND ONE-QUARTER OF ANY REMAINING MONEY TO THE PARKS
15	AND OUTDOOR RECREATION CASH FUND IN FURTHERANCE OF THE GOALS
16	SET FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS $(2)(a)(IV)(E)$ to $(2)(a)(IV)(J)$ of this
17	SECTION.
18	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-4-121, add
19	(1)(a)(II.5) as follows:
20	33-4-121. Reporting by division - license fee increases -
21	division-managed lands - keep Colorado wild pass - grants - repeal.
22	(1) (a) (II.5) On or before November 1, 2025, and on or before
23	NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL PREPARE
24	A WRITTEN REPORT, TO BE ATTACHED TO THE WRITTEN REPORT PREPARED
25	IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (1)(a)(I) AND (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION,
26	REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 33-10-117, INCLUDING THE
27	LIST OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ACCESS PROJECTS THAT RECEIVED

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1	GRANTS AND THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT THAT EACH LOCAL
2	GOVERNMENT AND ACCESS PROJECT RECEIVED.
3	SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
4	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
6	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
7	of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
8	act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
9	effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
10	November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
11	official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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